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Quebec 31 March 1796

A Certain Ephraim Barnes against
whom the Grand Jury for the County
and District of Montreal in this Provin
have found three separate Bills
one for a highway Robbery and
Two for Horse Stealing together with
another Delinquent by the name of
James Clarkson Freeman against
whom Bills have been found also
as accessary to Barnes in the last
mentioned Felonies have made their
Escape from the Goal of the City of
Montreal and as I am Informed
have fled into one of the Neighbour-
ing States I take the Liberty of
requesting that should they or either
of them be found in your Govern-
ment that your Excellency would
be pleased to Cause them be Delivered
to the Bearer Mr Jacob Kuhn to be
by him safely conducted into

this Province in order that they may be brought to Trial—

Similar requisitions having been made by the Governor of Newyork in the two Instances of John Ryan and Ralph Phelps the former Charged with Murder and the Latter with a Forgery and to which Immediate and proper attention was paid here I have no reason to doubt a similar service will be cheerfully reciprocated—

The Board takes out authenticated Copies of the Bills of Inditement found against the Culprits should the producing these ~~precedents~~ Documents be any wise thought necessary—

Mccomas it is reported came into this Province to avoid a prosecution for a Forgery Committed in some one of the United States—

I am Sir your Excellen
Most Obedient Humble
Servant—

Do

is Excellency the Governor of Vermont
or
His Excellency the Governor of Newyork
Or—
the Governor of any other of the United States

A True Copy of the Original
Letter from Lord Dorchester
to His Excellency —
the Governor of the State of Vermont
&c &c
attest Truman Squier Secry

Lord Dorchester
Letter to
His Excellency
the Governor of
the State of Vermont

Department of State June 8. 1796

Sir

I have received from Mr Liston the Minister Ple. of his B. Majesty a note dated the 27 ulto of which the inclosed is a copy, one of the papers therein referred to, is Lord Dorchester's letter to you dated the 9th of March — the other is a letter from the sheriff Montreal, stating (agreeably to Mr Liston's note) your disposition to deliver up the offenders Barns and Freeman who had broken gaol and fled into Canada, if to be found in your Government, provided the treaty between the US. & G B. did not oppose it — I have consulted the Atty Gen of the US. on this point and stated our concurring opinion to the president, that Mr Liston's Ideas on this subject are perfectly correct — the reciprocal delivery of murderers and forgers is positively stipulated by the 27 article of the treaty — The conduct of the two governments with respect to other offenders is left, as before the treaty, to their mutual discretion — but this discretion will doubtless advise the delivery of culprits for offences which affect the great interests of society — The president approves of this opinion and of the communication of it to your Excellency — Lord Dorchester's information respecting Freeman is right — He had been convicted of forgery in the State of N Jersey, and some four or five years ago broke gaol & fled to Canada.

The rule prescribed in the treaty for the delivery of persons charged with murder and forgery, will apply to those charged with other offences to wit — to be done on such evidence of criminality as by the laws of the place where the fugitive shall be found, would justify his arrest & commitment for

for trial — if the offence had been there committed.
The expence also to be borne by those, who ask
for the delivery of the Fugitive —

I have the honor to be,
with great respect
Your Excellency's most ob.t serv.t
Timothy Pickering

His Excellency Governor Chittenden
Vermont
Richmond

Richmond 16th August 1796.

Sir

Agreeably to the proposition contained in a Letter from Governor Brooke to you of the 9th January last. I do myself the honor of forwarding to your Excellency all the Acts of Assembly now in force in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

I have the honor to be wth due Consideration

Yr Excellencys

Mo Obt Servant,

James Wood.

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His Excellency
The Governor
of Vermont
Bennington.

Lyon

Albany October 10th 1796

Sir

The board of directors, of the northern inland lock navigation company, in this state, have determined to recommence their operations in the ensuing year, and to prosecute, with all possible celerity, the improvements in the internal navigation. Their first object will be, the completion of the canal, and Locks at Skensborough, and to clear wood creek, from the timber which obstructs the navigation thereof, so as to render it competent, for the passage of boats of ten tons burthen, in the driest seasons; - to cut ~~away~~ down such timber standing on its banks, as may fall into the creek, and create ~~such impediments~~; to form a towing path on one of its banks, The cost of these works; that of a canal and locks, to connect the waters of wood creek with Hudsons river, the improvements in that river; and the other canals, and locks, requisite to form an uninterrupted ~~water~~ communication, between Lake Champlain, and ~~Hudson~~ the tide water of Hudsons river, has been estimated at three hundred thousand dollars, this sum, altho inconsiderable, when placed in competition with the almost incalculable advantages, which must certainly result, from the facility with which the produce of the country, between this and Lake Champlain, and that produced on both sides of the lake, will be brought to market, when the work shall be completed, is nevertheless so extensive as not to be raised, without much embarrassment to many of the original subscribers to the stock of the company, under the

-vision of this embarrassment, the Legislature not only gratuitously bestowed, twelve thousand five hundred dollars on the company, but as a further aid, has subscribed ~~two~~ hundred shares, on the part of the people of the state. There are however still One hundred and twenty eight shares unsubscribed, ~~[illegible]~~ of the one thousand, of which the stock of the company was to consist.

As a very considerable portion, of the citizens of Vermont will participate in the benefits, which will result from the operations of the company, the directors are persuaded, they may with propriety respectfully sollicit the aid of your Legislature, and therefore intreat that respectable body to subscribe fifty shares to the stock of the company, on the part of their constituents, and to cause Wood Creek to be cleared in the manner abovementioned.—

Should the Legislature be pleased to Subscribe [illegible] of shares, permit me to mention, that [illegible] have already paid fifty dollars on each share, and that a like sum, would be to be paid on each share, which may be subscribed on the part of Your state,—and as It is believed, that the aggregate expence of all the works, will not exceed the sum I have stated, only two hundred and fifty dollars more, will be required on each share, by instalments, probably not exceeding fifty dollars in each Year, for the five ensuing Years, in which time it is expected to compleat the works.—and Should the legislature be further pleased to ~~cause~~ wood creek to be cleared, and cut the timber from its banks, as abovementioned, It would require the labour of about thirty men, for sixty working days. especially If in the course of the ensuing winter when the Ice in the creek shall be sufficiently strong to support the weight of trees, which may ~~fall~~

on it, those trees were cut, and also so much [illegible] the trunk, as may project above the Ice, and [illegible] lengths, as that it may with facility float down the [illegible] the spring freshes.

I have taken the liberty to Inclose for your Excellency's [illegible] -mation; and that of the Legislature, the Act of Incorporation [illegible] two Subsequent Acts relative to the Company, and a report of the [illegible] of directors, from which will be seen the benefits which have [illegible] resulted to the community from the Operations of the Western [illegible] -pany. may I intreat you Sir to lay this letter with the papers inclosed, before your legislature, and to solicit your aid to obtain the prayer of the directors,—and to advise me of the ~~result~~ determ[illegible] [illegible]

I have the Honor to be with great
respect Your Excellency's
most obedient Servant
Ph: Schuyler, president
of the directors of the Western
Company

His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esqr. &c &c

Mr. Schaylers Letter.

In General Assembly
20th Octr 1796.

Read & referred to Mr. Dewey
Mr. Lyon
Mr. Gallup
Mr. Arms.
Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Farrand
Mr. Sheldon.

to join a Comd. from Council,
State their opinion & make
Report Mr. Richd. Whitney Clerk.

In Council Octr 20th 1796
Read & Resolved that
Messrs Knoulton & Strong
be appointed to join said
Committee
attest S. Squier Secy

To the Legislature of the State of Vermont
now sitting at Rutland

Gentlemen

Age infirmity and a wish not to stand in the way of the usefulness of one better qualified forbid my longer exercising the office of Chief Justice of the County Court for the County of Windsor — Therefore with a grateful sense of the honor done me by your repeated former appointments — I must request you to consider me no longer as a candidate for that office

Joseph Marsh

Hartford 15th Oct. 1796.

Sir Rutland [illegible]

Having Rec.d the inclosed Letter [illegible]
The Hon.ble Moses Robinson Esquire on[illegible]
The Senators from this State to the Cong[illegible]
of the United States containing his
resignation of that office - I have Taken
the earliest opportunity to communicate
the same to the General aſsembly; you
will Please to communicate this together
with the inclosed Letter from him -

am Sir your most Obedient
& very Humble Servant —

Speaker of the
House of Aſsembly

Thos Chittenden

Resignation of
Senator Robinson

Lewis R. Morris Esq—

Speaker of the
House of Assembly—

His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esqr

Arlington

Hartford 15th Oct. 796

Your Excellency will please to communicate
the enclosed to the Legislature

I have the honor to be
your Excellency's
very humble
Servant
Joseph Marsh

To His Excellency
Thomas Chittenden Esquire

Philadelphia Jany 24. 1797

Sir

On the 12th Ultimo we presented the Address of the Legislature of Vermont to the President of the United States & on the same day received his Answer, which we respectfully transmit to your Excellency to be communicated to the Council & Genl Assembly — We are with perfect Sentiments of Esteem

Your Obt & Humle Serts

Elijah Paine
Isaac Tichenor

His Excelly
Ths Chittenden

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His Excell^y Thomas Chittenden

Gov. of State of Vermont

Rutland

Mr Hill is requested to
detain this Letter at
Rutland & deliver it
to the Gov. at the session
of Legislature

President Washington's
Answer to the
Address of the Gen.
Assembly

To the hon^ble the legislature ~~of the~~
State of Vermont—

The Subscribers have flattered themselves by the almost unanimous concurrence of the legislature in ~~to~~ the several bills reported by the Committee of revision, that they had executed the trust reposed in them with acceptance and fidelity—

From the short period allowed them for the completion of the business, they have been driven to the necessity of wholly neglecting their private concerns, and of making extraordinary exertions to effect ~~of~~ the object— having been informed ~~that~~ the wages resolved for their services per day by the General Assembly, they consider the same inadequate to the private sacrifices and exertions which they have made and altho they would be willing to make a partial sacrifice for the good of the public, they cannot feel themselves justified to themselves and families in farther pursuing the business for the compensation proposed— And while ~~they~~ they avow the above sentiments for themselves they are sufficiently authorised to express the same for his ~~our~~ friend and colleague Judge Chipman, and therefore must beg to be discharged from any farther attention to the business of this appointment —

and have the honor to be, with the most perfect respect, your and the publics very humble Servts

Sam. Hitchcock
Ros. Hopkins

Rutland March 7th 1797
2 O'Clock P.M.

To General Chandler 7 March 1797

The Speaker of the Genl Aſsembly

~~to be communicated to the houſe~~

Mr. Speaker

Being one of the Com. of R.
they not having completed their report, it
inconvenient for me to attend person
in the house — I have therefore, pursu
-ant to the power vested in me, appoin
& appointed
te Daniel Tannand Esqr. — to represent
me in the General Assembly —

22 Feby. 1797.

Ro. Hopkins Presd.

To the Honble the General Assembly now sitting in Rutland —

The representation of Roswell Hopkins Secretary of State — humbly ~~sheweth~~ —

That he has been informed there were some public aspersions handed out against his official conduct yesterday before the Honble House, and also that there are privately circulating among the representatives extracts from his public accounts to prejudice him in the minds of the members — Never having receivd any money out of the Treasury but what has been judged reasonable and passed by the proper board for drawing monies out of the Treasury — And being perfectly willing that every item of his public accounts should be re-examined before any impartial board he wishes their ~~opinion~~ may be suspended for the present. As the session is now so near closed and the business cannot be investigated with that deliberation and accuracy which he conceives necessary to exculpate him from those illiberal aspersions which have been insinuated ~~as at the beginning of a session~~ — He most respectfully solicits ~~would beg~~ the Honorable Legislature to appoint a board of judicious commissioners to re-examine all his public accounts together with the amounts for monies he has received on petitions between party and party and report their opinion ~~respecting them~~ relative to the whole to the next session of the General Assembly — And conscious of never having ~~never~~ injured the public, in the mean time, shall with pleasure await the result —

Rutland 8th March 1797 —

Ros Hopkins

Ryegate April 3d 1797

Dear Sir

I received a line from you b[illegible]ington respecting your right of Land in [illegible]lburgh I have examined the records of the Sales for the General Survey tax and Halfpenny tax and find that for the first it was paid before the Sale and for the second it was sold to Samuel Miller and redeemed by Josiah Hawkins so that you have not lost it by any of these Sales, There was a proprietors tax for alloting the township about 8 or 9 years agoe perhaps it might be sold for that but I think that Capt. Daniel Marsh took care of it at that time, I have no register of that sale, there has been no other taxes in that town.

Capt Strong tells me that you purposed selling your right, he says that he has found

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The Hon.ble Speaker of the
General Assembly

In General Assembly 8th March 1797 Read
And Referrd to the next Session of the
General
Legeslature Attest Richard Whitney

Northampton
Representation &
request

a merchant for it and wishes you to let him
know your price and terms of payment - If
you [illegible] send him the above information direc
th[illegible] to me and I will forward it to h
since I received your letter I had occasion to
write to Capt. Marsh and have desired him to
send word whether the proprietors tax was paid
on your right in Caldersburgh

The Bennington papers come regularly
since you took the care of them I am willing
to pay the Cent to your postmaster for each
paper and also make you a compensation
for your trouble I am

Sir Your Huml. Servt.

James Whitelaw

Saml. Mattocks Esqr

Newbury. April 6th 16

Samuel Mattocks Esqr

Rutland

Jas. Whitelaw
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Ryegate March 11th 1797

Dear Sir

I have for some time past kept a register of all the times of Proprietors Meetings and Constables and Collectors Sales, for which purpose I want all the News papers that the law requires land advertisements to be inserted in — I find no difficulty to get the Windsor and Rutland papers but the Bennington paper I cannot get — about a year agoe I wrote to Mr Haswell to send them to me and he sent me one or two, but sent no more I published an advertisement giving notice that I would pay taxes, give information when lands were sold and when the redemption was out &c. as soon as that appeared the Bennington papers stopt — When your son came here I agreed with him to have them forwarded in his name but I got only three papers by that means — I suppose the papers must be stopt by Mr Ruſsell the post master as he keeps an office of the same kind and he perhaps thinks I may be adamage to him.

What I wish Sir is that you would take the Bennington papers weekly from the post and cover them and put them into your post office directed to me and I will make you ample satisfaction for your trouble when we meet or pay it to your son at any time when required — I mentioned this to Mr Tolman and requested him to ask you the above favour whether he has thought of it or not I know not I am

Sir your Most Humbl Servt

James Whitelaw

Samuel Mattocks Esqr

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Samuel Mattocks Esqr

Rutland

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In Senate of the United States
July 10th 1797.

Sir,

Agreeable to order of Senate, I herewith transmit you a copy of their Journal, at the 1st Session of the 5th Congreſs.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most humble Servt.

Sam. A. Otis

The Honble the Speaker
of the House of Repes.
of the State of Vermont.

The Hon. The Speaker,
of the House of Representatives
of the State of
Vermont.

Sir,

Agreebly to the Communication made to me from the Legislature by their joint Committee - I do myself the honor to ~~inform~~ acquaint you for the~~ir~~ information of the Council & General Assembly, ~~that~~ I shall accept the Appointment of Governor of this State for the year ensuing - and will meet both Branches of the Legislature at the opening of the House on Monday-afternoon next, for the purpose of taking the Necessary qualifications

Isaac Tichenor

His Honor
Paul Brigham Lieut Govr

Windsor Oct. 14, 97.

Gov. Tichenor,

His Honor Govr Brigham

Windsor

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Abel Spencer Esqr
Speaker of the
house of Representatives
Vermont ~~State~~

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Windsor 19th Octr 1797.

Mr Speaker,

Pursuant to a Resolution, ~~of~~ passed Yesterday afternoon — I have appointed Jacob Smith, Esquire — to officiate, as Clerk pro tempore, to the General Assembly, in my absence —

Richard Whitney Clerk

In Gen

Novr 4th

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I do myself the honor of inclosing, for the information of the House of Representatives, a Letter from the Secy at War accompanied by an Act of Congress passed the 24th June 1797

Isaac Tichenor

Windsor Oct 26. 1797

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I do myself the Honor of inclosing,

In Gen. Aſsembly
Nov. 4th 1797

Gov. meſsage
act of Congreſs
detaching the Militia
Oct 26. 1797 Read.

Sir

Windsor Novr 8 — 1797

I hope the Assembly will Pardon me for Making no Offer to the Committee Yesterday Appointed to Receive proposals from Mr Spooner & my Self ~~Appointing~~ for the Copy Right of printing the Revised Laws. I hope also that I Shall be Pardond for Suggesting my thoughts on that Subject — I Consider Sir that this is a Right that I have once purchased at the price of 100 pound of which is already paid & the Remainder Secured — I Consider that it is not a question with any Member but whether my Contract Extends to Printing the Revised Laws if the Assembly Shall in any way Require the same to be Printed I further Consider that no one will Doubt but that if the Assembly agrees to any Offer Made by Mr Spooner but that they will Require him to perform the same write not the same take place with the Journal & pamphlets of Every Session; will they not then Defeat the Spirit & Letter of my Contract — I can Say Sir without any Aversion that I fully believe that I Mite as Justly be Deprived of my house or Land or Team of my wife & Children as of the Right of Printing the Revised Laws — at the same time I have no wish to have it in my power to Make any undue use of the Contract but am willing if Required to Print the Thousand Vollums to Lodge them with the Treasurer of the State or any other person the Assembly Shall Direct

& not make Sale of any other Books till those are Disposed off or I will on Receiving the Money for 1000 Dollars as Specified by my Contract Give Security for the Repayment of the Same out of the first Moneys that Shall be Recd. for the Sale of sd Books & will Dispose of them to all the officers of Government at the price Stipulated in my Contract

all which I am
willing to have
Regulated in a
Bill for that
purpose –

I am Sir
with Respect
your very Humble
Servt Saml Williams

Abel Spencer Esqr Speaker of
the House of Representatives

Abel Spencer [illegible]

Speaker of the House
of Assembly [illegible]

Windsor 10th Feby '98

My dear Sir,

I arrived at this place abo two hours since – took the papers with me abt two Bostwick's matters, and supposed Judge Hitchcock would not leave this till Monday – of course have not time to copy them – I conceive it however, as they were used bef the Grand Commee, it more properly belongs to you to certify them – I find on all the original papers – which were read – You may certify copies of them yourself; but if it be supposed to be my duty – I hereby authorise you to do i in my name – As to that part of the judiciary Bill, "authorising particular private persons to serve writs, ~~where~~ no proper offic could seasonably be had" I think it was mean to be erased – Judge Hitchcock perhaps will better inform – I have spoken with him on the subject & who will concur with you – the manner in which it is done, may possibly be some guide – Am happy in ~~meeting~~ with Mrs. S. so unexpectedly – but the pleasure h not been the less. In great haste I

your friend

R Whitney

Exq. Bortwick
Baker

Hinesburgh

1797

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Possession

I am Sir your Excellency's
Most Obed^t. Humb^{le} Servt.
Jonas Fay

His Excellency the Govr.